

RESOLUTION NO. 41-09

BY: **MARY GALINAS**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF "AMERICAN
HEART MONTH," DESIGNATED AS THE
MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2009, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States and is a major cause of disability; and,

WHEREAS, more than 70 million Americans live with some form of heart disease; and,

WHEREAS, every 34 seconds, someone in America dies of a heart attack; and,

WHEREAS, 50% of those who have a heart attack never have a warning; and,

WHEREAS, 33% of those without any prior symptoms of heart disease die from their first heart attack; and,

WHEREAS, each year, 50,000 Americans dies of heart disease, and approximately half of them are women; and,

WHEREAS, as early as age 45, a man's risk of heart disease begins to rise significantly. For a woman, risk starts to increase at age 55; and,

WHEREAS, to urge Americans to join the battle against this disease, the President of the United States and The American Heart Association work together to draft and sign the annual proclamation, promoting awareness of heart disease—the associated risks, causes, and the ways to reduce the chance of developing this deadly disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby supports "American Heart Month," designated as the month of February, 2009, and hereby encourages everyone to live a healthy lifestyle.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States and The American Heart Association.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to this important health issue, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____
MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO